stepped up to Rs. 15243.76 crore as against Rs. 8225 crore in Budget Estimate 2004-05.

Primary schools

†2055. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of primary schools is decreasing continuously;

(b) if not, the number of such schools in 2001-02 and 2003-04; and

(c) the number of students registered in these schools during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) The number of primary schools and enrolement of students at the primary stage during the last three years 2000-01 to 2002-03 is given below:

(Figures in lakhs)

Year	Number of primary schools	Enrolment of students at primary stage
2000-01	6.39	1138
2001-02	6.64	1139
2002-03	6.51	1224

Figures for the year 2003-04 are not available.

Shortage of secondary schools

†2056. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of secondary schools;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.